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Harry S. Truman Reservoir, Warsaw Missouri, July 6th, 2006. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be closing the north riding area of Cooper Creek ATV Area beginning July 15th, 2006. In exchange, an additional 90 acres has been opened in the south riding area.

Closure of the north riding area is necessary to help minimize traffic safety concerns and to address environmental and cultural resource problems that are associated with riding in unauthorized areas. Closing the north riding area eliminates the need for riding on public roads and rights of way.

The Cooper Creek ATV Area is one of the few ATV and dirt bike areas of its kind in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. The area contains approximately 400 acres that has been designated for off road ATV and dirt bike use at the Harry S. Truman Project. The closure of the north riding area is the first phase of the rehabilitation project associated with this recreation area. Changes are currently being developed to insure Cooper Creek Park is managed for recreational users to have a safe and enjoyable outdoor recreational experience.

For further information concerning the Cooper Creek ATV Area, please contact Natural Resource Management Specialist Rich Chiles at (660) 438-7317 ext.1224.